MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. T. J. MATTHEW (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): With regard to that part of the answer, my question was whether that answer is the result of an inference or of an information obtained by Government.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is based upon information that Government have at present. No special information was called for in connection with this particular interpellation.

Travancore and the British Empire Exhibition.

74. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*). (1) With reference to the report on the Travancore Section of the Empire Exhibition published in the *Government Gazette* dated the 5th May, 1925, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the address of the Nottingham firm, referred to in the paragraph on "Lace and Embroidery" on page 15 of the report; and

(*b*) the address of another firm referred to in the same paragraph as having offered to supply yarns of the required quality at wholesale prices?

(2) Will they also state whether Dr. Kunjan Pillai carries on correspondence with them either to give the required information and facilities to dealers in lace work or otherwise?

(3) What is the expenditure incurred for taking back the articles not disposed of at Wembley?

(4) Was a special staff employed at Wembley for the Travancore Section; and, if so, what were the pay and work of the staff thus employed?

(5) (*a*) Is it a fact that the Special Officer for the Empire Exhibition touched at Italy on his way back?

(*b*) How long did he stay there?

(*c*) What is the expenditure incurred by the State on that account?

(6) (*a*) Who was in charge of the arrangements in the Travancore Section and the construction of the Travancore Pavilion?

(*b*) Was a firm employed for this work?

(*c*) If so, what was the sum paid to that firm for this work?

(7) (*a*) Did the Government sanction the publication of a pamphlet by the Special Officer at Wembley?

(*b*) How many copies were printed and at what cost?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the pamphlet on the table?

(8) (*a*) What were the exhibits reported to have been stolen from the Travancore Section at Wembley?

(*b*) What is the price of the articles stolen?

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MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(1) (*a*) W. R. Lymbery and Sons, Commercial Buildings, St. Mary's Gate, Nottingham.

(*b*) Samuel Weston, 17, George Street, Nottingham.

(2) Dr. Kunjan Pillai is not carrying on any correspondence with them at present.

(3) Cost of packing and freight from Wembley to Cochin ... £85-11-9

Transport from Cochin to the School of Arts, Trivandrum ... Bh. Rs. 358-As.15-Ps.2

(4) Yes. At first there were four men and two women. Subsequently the services of one woman were dispensed with. The pay and duties of the remaining five were as follow :

(i) One man was paid £4 a week which was raised to £5 a week from 1st July, 1924.

(ii) Another man was paid £4 a week.

These two men attended the court by turns and their duties were to explain the exhibits to the visitors and to attend to sales.

(iii) One man was paid £2-10-0 a week which was raised to £3 a week from 14th September, 1924. His duties were sweeping, dusting and polishing the exhibits and keeping them clean.

(iv) One man was paid £2-10-0 a week. His duties were to assist the salesman, pack the articles sold and take them to the Post Office or Railway Station and to act generally as a messenger.

(v) One woman was paid £2-10-0 a week and from the 17th August, 1924 she was also paid an extra £1 a month towards her train fare. She was the stenographer and her duties were to take down letters in shorthand, type them and attend to office correspondence. Whenever she had leisure, she also attended to the sale of articles and particularly laces and embroideries.

(5) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From the 1st to the 10th December 1924.

(*c*) £31-6-0.

(6) (*a*) Dr. Kunjan Pillai was in charge of the arrangements in the Travancore Court.

Messrs. Holland and Hannen and Cubitts, Ltd., were in charge of the construction of the Travancore Court.

(*b*) Yes. Messrs. Holland and Hannen and Cubitts Ltd.

(*c*) A sum of £833-11-5 was paid to the above firm for the construction of the Court and for the showcases and other fittings.

(7) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 3,000 copies each of 12 different pamphlets and 2,000 copies of a handbook on Travancore were printed at a cost of £450.

(*c*) A copy each of the pamphlets and the handbook is available for the Member's perusal at the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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(8) (*a*) and (*b*).

		£.	s.	d.
(1)	5 gold-mounted bear claw labels and 30 gold chackram brooches	... 21	0	0
(2)	Embroidered tea cloth	... 8	18	0
(3)	Silver muff chain	... 0	13	8
(4)	Bear claw brooch	... 2	10	0
(5)	Double claw brooch	... 2	10	0
(6)	Ivory paper cutter	... 1	4	0
(7)	Do. Do.	... 0	18	0
(8)	Ivory deer with eagle on back	... 2	4	0
(9)	Small ivory box (carved)	... 2	4	0
(10)	Ivory visiting card case	... 0	18	0

Restriction re Caste of the Medical Officer and Nurse at Vaikam.

75. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any order that the Medical Officer and the nurse of the Vaikam Hospital should be caste Hindus?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons therefor?

(*c*) Has any non-caste Hindu or non-Hindu been appointed at any time in the said Hospital as Medical Officer or as nurse?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is no such Government order and there is no nurse in the Vaikam Hospital.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): With regard to part (*c*), may I know the number of such doctors posted to Vaikam?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The number has not been ascertained.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether there has been a permanent posting at Vaikam of any non-caste Hindu?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the reason for that?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no special reason found in the records.

Operation of the Land Colonisation Scheme.

76. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): With reference to the scheme for the assignment of *puduval* lands to agricultural syndicates and co-operative societies, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of applications, if any, received hitherto and disposed of under the scheme;

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